

STEALING HAS
BEEN STOPPED.

Father Donovan Gets His Mail All
Right Now.

TWO THOUSAND LETTERS LOST.

Probably One-Third of the Communi-
cations Contained Money Orders
Which Were Finally Duplicated.

But Thousands Were Stolen.

Since the arrest and conviction of
Thomas W. Lacy, the general delivery
clerk in the postoffice, Rich. Father Don-
ovan has not received any more of his
letters. He was surprised to learn yester-
day that it was reported that the
communications were still going
on. He went down to the post-
office and told Postmaster Knight that
he had no complaint to make now about
his mail.

When seen by a reporter Father Don-
ovan said he had not had occasion to
make any complaint since the arrest of
Lacy.

"A money order drawn in Ohio was not
in the letter when I received it, but it
turned out that the writer had failed
to put the order in the envelope," said
the Father. "I got the order duplicated,
and the original finally came. No complaint
was made."

NO MORE STEALING.

Postmaster Knight said he had heard no
more complaints as to the loss of letters
since the arrest of Lacy.

Father Donovan is unable to tell how
many of his letters have been stolen.
He says the number is not less than two
thousand. The Father has been greatly
worried and troubled about the matter.
He receives small contributions from all
parts of the country for the Catholic
mission over which he presides. When
the sender of money writes to him, he
usually writes a receipt. Father Donovan
would get a letter of complaint, and by
that means would learn of his loss. He
had to write hundreds of letters ex-
plaining the situation. "I was kept
up until late at night answering such
communications," said he. "It was a
great blow to the mission when our con-
tributors had so much trouble in getting
money to us."

MUCH MONEY STOLEN.

Father Donovan is unable to say how
much money was stolen, but the amount
is large—in the thousands. About one
third of the letters stolen contained
money orders. The thief, of course,
could not use these, and they were
rotten after a long delay. The Father
says many letters may have been stolen,
of which he has not heard. The number
cannot, he thinks, be less than two
thousand.

No effort will be made to secure a
pardon for Lacy at once. He will be
removed to the penitentiary at Raleigh
in a few days. After a little while the
President will be petitioned to exercise
Executive clemency.

HOBSON BAILED.

Dr. Michaux Certifies That Mr. Fisher
Is in a Bad Way.

The case of S. L. Hobson, who struck
Mr. George E. Fisher and knocked him
down Monday about noon, was called
in the Police Court yesterday, but owing
to the inability of Mr. Fisher to be pres-
ent, the case went over to Saturday.

Meers, A. B. Gibson and Wyndham
Meredith, representing Mr. Fisher, ap-
peared in the court room.

Mr. Gibson said that they simply ap-
peared as personal friends of Mr. Fisher's
and that they did not care to appear as
prosecutors, because the State always
took care of its people, and were it not
contrary to the custom of the Common-
wealth's Attorney to appear in such
cases, he stated that he did not care to
appear as a prosecutor.

Dr. Michaux was then read, and a motion
made to postpone the case. The certifi-
cate from the doctor reads as follows:

"This is to certify that I was called to
attend Mr. George E. Fisher on Friday
day, October 15, 1898, at the office of Capt.
A. Fitzgibbon, Jr., at about 12:30 o'clock,
and found him bleeding profusely from the
nose, which was fractured badly and
suffering severely from concussion of the
brain, and from a severe laceration of the
scalp on the back of the head and
another on the left side of the forehead.
The symptoms this morning are very se-
rious, as they point to extension of the
inflammatory action and possible fracture
and inflammation about the base of the
skull and brain and meningitis. I there-
fore pronounce Mr. Fisher unable to
leave his bed."

Mr. E. C. Polke represented Mr. Hob-
son and asked that the case be decided
as early as possible, and when the date
for a continuance was fixed, Mr. Polke,
made a motion for bail.

"In view of the condition of Mr. Fisher,
as laid out in the certificate, I overruled
the motion for bail. Had I understood
the nature of this case yesterday I should
have refused bail at that time," said
Justice Crutchfield.

Mr. Polke then took the case to the
Hustings Court and Judge Witt decided
to allow bail in the sum of \$2,000.

Mr. G. M. Carlton, of Twenty-fourth
and Marshall streets, offered himself as
surety, was accepted, and the prisoner
bailed to appear next Saturday morning.

A Star Trinitarian Coming.

An interesting theatrical event is the
engagement of the great star trinitarian
Louis James, Kathryn Kidder and Fred-
erick Ward, which is announced for
next Tuesday night at the Academy of
Music in "The Star Trinitarian."

These three recognized exponents of
the Shakespearean and legitimate schools
although, as separate and distinct ar-
tists, they have long been held in the
highest esteem by those who lend an
interest to the drama in its best form.
No three actors of ability and rank in
the dramatic profession can be named
who have with more laudable ambition
and singleness of purpose, shown so
faithfully at the achievement of the high-
est degree of artistic accomplishment in
their profession than have Louis James,
Kathryn Kidder and Frederick Ward.

Aside from the three stars the follow-
ing well known names are enlisted in the
production: Harry Langdon, Harry
Johnstone, Collin Kemper, W. A. Lin-
coln, Norman Hackett, Abbie James,
Loretta Wells, and Mrs. Henry Vanden-
hoff.

The sale of seats for the engagement
commenced at the box-office to-morrow
morning at 9 o'clock.

Kentucky Belle to Wed.

Invitations have been issued to the mar-
riage of Miss Eleanor Graves, daughter
of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Graves, to
Mr. George C. Webb. The wedding
will take place at the residence of the
bride's parents, on North Broadway, Lex-
ington, Ky., Wednesday, November 23,
at noon.

Miss Graves is well known in Virginia,
where she has visited. She represented
Kentucky as sponsor at the reunion of
the United Confederate Veterans in Bir-
mingham, Alabama, a few years ago. She
is very popular, and one of the most ac-
complished young women in the blue
grass region of Kentucky.

Injured by a Negro.

At the Henrico County Courthouse yester-
day Julius Watkins, a colored man, was
before "Squire" James T. Lewis upon
the charge of assaulting, striking and
beating Leslie Johnson, son of L. S.

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Johnson, who lives out in the neighbor-
hood of Barton Heights.

It seems that Watkins was employed
by Mr. Johnson whose little boy tossed
a pebble at the negro in a playful way.
Watkins picked up a stone and struck
the child on the leg, making a painful
wound. The negro also threatened to
strike the father the same way.

When brought before "Squire" Lewis
the negro was fined \$5 and costs in each
case. He could not pay this, so he went
to jail.

The County Court was yesterday en-
gaged in the consideration of civil mat-
ters.

DR. WHARTON REPLIES.

He Tells What the Passion Play Is In-
tended to Teach.

Rev. Dr. H. M. Wharton, who is giving
highly productions of the Passion Play
at the auditorium for the benefit of his
orphans, after reading the criticisms of
Bishop C. G. Penick, published in the
Times yesterday in regard to such per-
formances, has made the following reply:

"I have read with deep interest the
remarks of Bishop Penick concerning the
Passion play and beg leave to submit a
few words by way of explanation.

Allow me to disclaim any personal
feeling whatever, and to express my re-
spect and reverence for the good Bishop
and his opinions.

"The motive which prompted me to en-
gage this exhibition was twofold. I have
a large number of helpless little
orphan children dependent upon me,
whom I have found as I have gone over
the land preaching the gospel from New
York to Florida. When I have collected
funds for their support I have been met
with the reply that each denomination
should support its own orphans and
many Christians find excuse in saying
they must support the orphanage of their
own church.

"As our orphanages are strictly non-
denominational and the children born of
parents who know no church and many
of whom are Catholics, I must appeal to
the general public for their support. In
doing this if I could set forth the story
of the Cross good would be accomplished
every way.

"As to the propriety of this presenta-
tion I beg to differ from the opinion of
the Bishop. This is not acting in the
sense of the theatre. To me such a dis-
play of our Savior's sufferings would be
horrible in the extreme. In fact it is not
a play at all. The name does not give
a clear conception of its import.

"It is an act of worship by simple-
hearted peasants to tell the story of the
Cross in a most pathetic and powerful
manner.

"The exhibition which I have is the pic-
ture of that performance. It takes the
audience to the very spot and permits
them to look on and understand as never
before, what our blessed Lord passed
through. Jesus said, 'If I be lifted up
from the earth I will draw all men unto
me.' Paul said, 'We preach Christ
crucified.' The Passion play does both,
with a devotion and reverence which dis-
arm all criticism. It simply does what
Bishop Penick and all other faithful
preachers of the gospel do at every ser-
vice, it teaches us to love Jesus and
pictures the death and resurrection
of Jesus our Savior.

"But what is the effect? 'By their
fruits ye shall know them.' Do the peo-
ple attend and how are they affected?
The children go to go again and again, and
the profound thinkers find a realm for
thought and study never opened to them
before. As I stand some things and look
upon the sea of golden faces, many
moved to tears, I am confident in the
belief that I am doing the public a great
benefit and honoring the name of our
Redeemer by the introduction of the
Passion play to the people of America.

"It is asking too much to require that
the good Bishop and all others, at least
see the play before they condemn it?"

"He will remember the words of Nicodemus
to the Sanhedrin when they
passed judgment upon Jesus and ordered
his arrest. 'Doth our law judge any man
before he hear him, and know what he
doeth?' (John vii, 51).

"I shall be pleased to furnish free ad-
mission to any one who wishes to in-
quire into the merits of this wonderful
production. H. M. WHARTON.

R. E. N. G. C. I. O. F. S. L.

The biennial session of Right Eminent
National Grand Council of the I. O. of
St. Luke met yesterday at the St.
Luke's Hall, corner of St. James and
Baker streets, with the R. E. N. G. Coun-
cil Ralph Hilton, of New Jersey, pre-
siding, and William M. T. Forrester, sec-
retary.

Ten States are represented by dele-
gates. The R. W. G. Council of Virginia,
represented by Rev. M. B. Hucless, ex-
tended to the visiting delegation a hearty
and cordial welcome, which was respon-
ded to in appropriate terms by Ralph Hil-
ton, of New Jersey.

The opening public meeting of this
order took place last night at 8 o'clock
at the Fifth Street Baptist church.

German-American Association.

The German-American Association held
its regular meeting at Saenger Halle
Monday night.

The reports of the various committees
on German Day were very satisfactory.
The financial standing of the Association
is very good.

The president, Mr. Charles Ruehrmund,
thanked the committees very heartily for
their faithful work and the excellent ren-
dition of the programme.

The society will meet on the third Mon-
day in January, when the officers will
be elected.

Marshall Bondi's Trip.

Deputy Marshal Sam Bondi went down
to City Point yesterday to serve papers
in the suit of the Fidelity Insurance
Company and others against the Norfolk
and Western Railroad Company.

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ACHE, INTERNAL OR EXTERNAL,
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LIEVE.

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STITUTES. THE GENUINE BOTTLE
BEARS THE NAME,

PERRY DAVIS & SON.

BRIDGE BUILDERS'
ANNUAL SESSION.

Number of Papers of General Interest
Read and Debated.

SEVERAL COMMITTEES NAMED.

Further Discussion to be Had at the
Meeting To-day, and the Election
of Officers Will Take Place
To-morrow.

The eighth annual convention of the
Association of Railway Superintendents
of Bridges and Bridge Building began
its session at Murphy's Hotel yesterday
morning at 10 o'clock with a large at-
tendance of members. Those present
follow:

George W. Andrews, Phila. Div. B. & O.

R. M. Washington, Cyrus P. Austin, B.

R. M. B. Bedford, Mass.; Walter G.

Berg, Lehigh Valley Ry., Jersey City;

John H. Cummin, Long Island Ry., Long

Island City; Wm. S. Dames, Wabash Ry.,

Eastern Div., Peru, Ind.; Wm. O. Eggle-

ston, C. & E. Huntington, Ind.; Fred

Ellers, C. B. & Q., Ottumwa, Holland W.

Fletcher, C. & N. W. Ry., Chicago; John

Foreman, Phila. & Reading, Pottdown;

R. L. Griffin, B. & O., Grafton; C. B.

Large, E. & P., Jamestown, Pa.; A. S.

Markley, C. & E., Danville, Ill.; John

H. Markley, T. & W., Peoria, Ill.; Jas. Mc-

Intyre, Erie, Cleveland; A. W. Merrick,

C. & N. Huron, S. D.; W. B. Mitchell,

N. Y. P. & O., Gallon, Ohio; S. F. Pat-

erson, B. & M., Concord; A. Shann, C. C. &

S. L., Indianapolis; J. B. Sheldon, N. Y.

N. Y. & H. Woodstock, B. I. Jam-

Stannard, Wabash, Moberly, Mo.; T. M.

Strain, Wabash, Springfield; J. M. Staley,

C. & O., Richmond; N. W. Thompson, P.

WALTER G. BERG, of New York.

(President National Association of Rail-
way Superintendents of Bridges
and Buildings.)

F. W. & C. Fort Wayne, C. W. Van-

derbilt, B. & O., Albany, N. Y.; A. E.

Kilham, Intercolonial, Moncton, N. Y.;

B. E. Pickering, B. & M.

Considerable business of a routine
nature was transacted, reports of com-
mittees received and the president's
report read, in which it was stated that
Professor Kidwell, of the Michigan Col-
lege of Mines, of Houghton, Mich., had
prepared for the association a number of
tables on the relative strength of timbers
for beams.

THE COMMITTEES.

The committees were appointed as fol-
lows:

Auditing—G. W. Andrews, T. M. Stain,

J. B. Sheldon.

Nominating—J. Stannard, J. Foreman, J.

McIntyre.

Resolutions—J. H. Cummin, N. W.

Thompson, Aaron S. Markley.

Selection of subjects for report and
discussion—J. H. Cummin, J. Markley,

W. O. Eggleston, A. S. Markley,

W. Merrick, A. Shann, C. P. Austin, H.

W. Fletcher, A. E. Kilham, B. E. Pickering,

R. L. Griffin, A. E. Kilham, B. E. Pickering.

Papers were read on the following sub-
jects by those whose names are at-
tached:

"The Kings and Methods of Protecting
Pileheads in Driving," Wm. S. Dames,
Wabash.

"Cost and Manner of Putting in Pipe
Culverts," read by the secretary, Mr.
Patterson.

"Best Floor for Shops and Round-
houses," A. W. Merrick, C. & N.

"Roundhouse Smokestacks and Venti-
lators," Wm. O. Eggleston, C. & E.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At the afternoon session the reading
of papers was continued, at the conclu-
sion of which the various papers were
discussed at some length by the members,
and the many points of interest to the
association were brought out.

The following are the titles of the pa-
pers read in the afternoon:

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"Roundhouse Smokestacks and Venti-
lators," Wm. O. Eggleston, C. & E.

At the session which begins at 10
o'clock this morning these papers will
be further discussed.

Last night the members and their la-
dies spent most of their time at the ho-
tel, as the weather was too bad for out-
door recreation.

THE ASSOCIATION.

The object of this association is the
mutual advancement of its members by
the acquisition of more perfect knowl-
edge in the construction, maintenance
and repair of railroad bridges and build-
ings, as well as other matters entrusted
to the care of superintendents of bridges
and buildings, by common discussion,
interchange of ideas, reports and in-
vestigations of its members.

Any person at the head of a bridge and
building department on any railroad, or
a division or sub-division, and to include
assistant superintendent and general
foreman of any railroad are eligible to
membership in this association upon ap-
plication to the secretary and the pay-
ment of \$1 membership fee and \$3 for
one year's dues, membership to con-
tinue until written resignation is re-
ceived by secretary, unless member has
been previously expelled.

The persons of this association is
of the highest character, including men

of the highest standing in their respec-
tive communities.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The association will be called to order
at 10 o'clock this morning, and a discus-
sion of the reports of the Committee on
Investigation will be indulged in.

At the afternoon session, beginning at
2 o'clock, the discussion will be continued,
after which the reading and discussion
of questions propounded by members
will conclude the session.

The business of the association will
be concluded to-morrow, when the elec-
tion of officers will take place. In the
afternoon excursions to the various bat-
tle-grounds around this city will be made
under the direction of Mr. Joseph M.
Staten, of this city.

Nineteen new members were elected to
membership in yesterday's meeting.

The present active membership of the
association is 127.

A large number of ladies accompany
their husbands and are stopping at Mur-
phy's.

On Friday the members of the associa-
tion will take a trip to Old Point and
Newport News.

The sessions are held in Murphy's as-
sembly room on the second floor of the
hotel, and all who are interested in the
aims and purposes of the association
are invited to attend.

THE OFFICERS.

The officers of the association for the
present year are:

Valter G. Berg, president, Lehigh Val-
ley railroad, Jersey City, N. J.; Joseph
H. Cummin, first vice-president, Long
Island railroad, Long Island City, N. Y.;

Aaron S. Markley, second vice-president,
Chicago and Eastern Illinois railroad,
Danville, Ill.; G. W. Himm, third vice-
president, Louisville and Nashville rail-
road, Evansville, Ind.; C. C. Mallard,
fourth vice-president, Southern Pacific
railway, Algiers, La.; S. F. Patterson,
secretary, Boston and Maine railroad,
Concord, N. H.; N. W. Thompson, treas-
urer, Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago
railway, Fort Wayne, Ind.

THE SHOPTIFTING CASE.

The jury still unable to agree—Suits
and Judgments.

The jury in the case of Hattie Randolph
(colored) charged with shoplifting, which
had been deliberating upon a verdict ever
since Monday afternoon, was still unable
to agree last night, and the members
were told by Judge Witt to go home and
sleep on the matter, and come back this
morning.

It is understood that ten are in favor
of conviction, while two are for acquittal.

Sidney Giles, colored, was tried before
Judge Witt yesterday on the charge of
breaking into a freight car and stealing
a pair of ladies' shoes.

The breaking and entering charge was
not proven, but he pleaded guilty to petit
larceny and was given three months.

In the Circuit Court the following
judgments were entered:

William Schaefer against Duncan E.
Monroe, \$12.12.

The National Tooth Company against
P. and W. F. Davison for \$104.20.

J. A. Bradshaw against F. M. Collins
for \$29.

Suit was instituted by the James Clark
Distilling Company against I. O. Merritt
for \$109.30.

The case of George W. Donley against
the City of Richmond was on trial in the
Law and Equity Court yesterday.

The jury was unable to agree upon a verdict,
however, and was adjourned until this
morning.

Suits were instituted in this court as
follows:

W. Crump Tucker, receiver, against
H. M. Starke for \$1,000.

Rennie & Mcintosh against W. H.
Linsden for \$77.50.

The same against Robert Gennell for
\$22.20.

John C. Copleman against Lomax Levy
for \$5.00.

Motions for judgment were entered as
follows:

W. Crump Tucker against W. P. Smith
for \$10.50.

C. E. Wood against the St. Paul Fire
and Marine Insurance Company of Wis-
consin for \$1,500.

In the Chancery Court Mr. Charles U.
Williams, administrator, d. b. n. c. t. a.,
of Charles E. Worham, gave a new bond
in the penalty of \$25,000.

James Burke qualified as administrator
of the estate of Mrs. Susan Throckmorton.

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